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## Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 2000

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| **Week of 5-7 July** | | | |
| **Wednesday, 5 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m.-10.15 a.m. | | Opening of the session | Annotated provisional agenda (E/2000/100) |
| | | | Proposed programme of work (E/2000/L.6) |
| | *Item 1* | *Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* | Status of documentation for the session (E/2000/L.7) |
| | | | Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2001 of the Council (E/2000/65) |
| | | **High-level segment** | |
| | *Item 2* | *Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy* | |
| | | Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system | *World Economic and Social Survey, 2000* (E/2000/50) |
| | | | Relevant sections of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its second session (E/2000/33, Supplement No. 13) |

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| 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. | | Opening of the information technology exhibit | |
| 11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. | | Continuation of the high-level policy dialogue with the international financial and trade institutions | |
| 3.00 p.m.-4.30 p.m. | | Continuation and conclusion of the high-level policy dialogue | |
| 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. | | Panel with senior representatives from the regional development banks | |
| 6.00 p.m.-7.00 p.m. | | Presentations by the information technology exhibitors | |
| **Thursday, 6 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 2* | *Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy*<br>Introduction and general discussion | Report of the Secretary-General on development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy (E/2000/52)<br>*World Economic and Social Survey, 2000* (E/2000/50)<br>Relevant sections of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its second session (E/2000/33, Supplement No. 13) |
| 3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. | | Presentations on the potential of information and communication technologies (ICTs) for development | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on the role of information and communication technology in trade, investment and related areas |
| 4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. | *Item 2* | *Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy*<br>Continuation of discussion | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the high-level panel of experts on information and communication technology (A/55/75-E/2000/55) |
| **Friday, 7 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 2* | *Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy*<br>Continuation of discussion | |

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| 3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. | | Panel discussion with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Rubens Ricupero, and the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions | |
| 4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. | *Item 2* | *Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy*<br>Continuation of discussion<br>Continuation and conclusion of the high-level segment | |
| **Week of 10-14 July** | *Item 4* | *Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes* | Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (E/2000/57) (see item 6) |
| | | **Coordination segment** | |
| **Monday, 10 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 4 (a)* | *Assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields*<br>Introduction and general discussion | Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Cairo Declaration and the Cairo Plan of Action adopted by the Africa-European Union Summit, held at Cairo on 3 and 4 April 2000 (A/54/855-E/2000/44) |
| 3.00 p.m.-4.30 p.m. | | Panel discussion on "The five-year reviews of the conference of the 1990s: lessons learned" | |
| 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. | | Panel discussion on "Main challenges currently facing the United Nations system for supporting conference implementation" | |
| **Tuesday, 11 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 4* | *Assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields* | |

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| | | Continuation and conclusion of the debate on the cross-sectoral theme | |
| 3.00 p.m. | *Item 4 (b)* | *Coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda*<br>Introduction and general discussion | Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda (A/55/83-E/2000/62) |
| **Wednesday, 12 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 4 (b)* | *Coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda* | |
| | | Continuation of general discussion | |
| 3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. | | Round-table discussion with country teams on "Examples of integrated and coordinated support by United Nations country teams in implementing cross-cutting conference goals" | |
| 4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. | *Item 4 (b)* | *Coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda* | |
| | | Conclusion of discussion | |
| | | **Operational activities segment** | |
| **Thursday, 13 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 3* | *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation* | |
| | | Dialogue with United Nations system country team for Ghana | |
| 3.00 p.m. | | Dialogue with United Nations system country team for Madagascar | |
| **Friday, 14 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 3* | *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation* | |
| | *(a)* | *Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council*<br>Introduction and general discussion | Report of the Secretary-General on funding operational activities for development of the United Nations system, simplification and harmonization of programming, operational and administrative procedures and United Nations funds and programmes: oversight role of the Council (E/2000/46)<br>Addendum: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/192 (E/2000/46/Add.1)<br>Addendum: comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1998 (E/2000/46/Add.2) |

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| | *(a)* | *Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council* | |
| | | Continuation and completion of discussions | |
| | *(b)* | *Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme* | Decisions adopted by the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA at its first regular session, its second regular session and its annual session 2000 (DP/2000/9, DP/2000/19, DP/2000/26) |
| | | Introduction and general discussion | Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the work of its first regular session and its annual session (E/2000/34, Parts I and II) |
| | | **High-level meeting of the operational activities segment** | |
| **Week of 17-21 July** | | | |
| **Monday, 17 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 3* | *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation* | |
| | *(a)* | *Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council* | |
| 3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. | *Item 3* | *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation* | |
| | | Conclusion of general discussion | |
| 4.00 p.m.-7.00 p.m. | | Panel discussion: "Celebrating 50 years of United Nations development cooperation" | |
| **Tuesday, 18 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 3* | *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation* | Annual reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2000/20) |
| | | Policy exchange with executive heads of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme | Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2000/7) |
| | | | Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 1999 sessions (E/2000/36, Supplement No. 16) |
| | | | Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (E/2000/54) |

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| 3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. | *Item 3* | *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation*<br>Conclusion of policy exchange with executive heads | |
| 4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. | *Item 3* | *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation*<br>Continuation and conclusion of the discussion of agenda item 3 | |
| | | **Humanitarian affairs segment** | |
| **Wednesday, 19 July** | | | |
| | *Item 5* | *Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance*<br>Theme: "Strengthening the coordination of humanitarian response and the role of technology in mitigating the effects of natural disasters and other humanitarian emergencies, including conflicts, with particular reference to the displacement of persons arising therefrom" | Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations and on the implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1999/1 of the Council (A/55/82-E/2000/61)<br>Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Cairo Declaration and the Cairo Plan of Action adopted by the Africa-European Union Summit, held at Cairo on 3 and 4 April 2000 (A/54/855-E/2000/44) |
| 10.00 a.m. | | Panel on internally displaced persons<br>Countries: Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia | Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/1 D, entitled "International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters" |
| 3.00 p.m. | | Panel on natural disasters<br>Countries: Mongolia, Mozambique, Turkey and Venezuela | Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/1 I on assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia |
| **Thursday, 20 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. | *Item 5* | *Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance* | Report of the Secretary-General on progress made with respect to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of Mozambique |
| | | Introduction and general discussion | Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/96 M on assistance to Madagascar following the tropical cyclones |

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| **Friday, 21 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 5* | *Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance* | |
| | | Conclusion of general discussion | |
| | | **General segment** | |
| 3.00 p.m. | *Item 6* | *Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits* | Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1999 coordination segment of the Council (E/2000/69) |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (E/2000/57) (see item 4 (a)) |
| | | | Progress report of the Secretary-General on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels (E/2000/60) |
| | | | Progress report on the implementation of the ministerial communiqué of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1999 of the Council (E/2000/64) |
| **Week of 24-28 July** | | | |
| **Monday, 24 July** | | | |
| a.m. | *Item 7* | *Coordination, programme and other questions* | Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its fortieth session (A/55/16, Part I) |
| | *(a)* | *Reports of the coordination bodies* | Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1999 (E/2000/53) |
| | *(b)* | *Proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005* | Relevant chapters of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6 (in fascicles)) |
| | | | Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its fortieth session (A/55/16, Part I) (see item 7 (a)) |
| | *(c)* | *Long-term programme of support for Haiti* | Report of the Secretary-General (E/2000/63) |

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| | *(d)* | *Tobacco or health* | Report of the Secretary-General on progress made by the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (E/2000/21) |
| | *(e)* | *International cooperation in the field of informatics* | Report of the Secretary-General |
| 3.00 p.m. | *Item 8* | *Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B* | Report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions (E/2000/67) |
| | | | Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2000 |
| **Tuesday, 25 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. | *Item 10* | *Regional cooperation*<br>General discussion | Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields: cooperation with other regional bodies (E/2000/10/Add.1) |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields: trends and activities (E/2000/10/Add.2) |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2000/10) |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields: matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention (E/2000/10/Add.3) |
| | | | Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1999 (E/2000/11) |
| | | | Summary of the economic and social situation in Africa, 1999 (E/2000/12) |
| | | | Summary of the survey of economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2000 (E/2000/13) |
| | | | Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1999 (E/2000/14) |
| | | | Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 1999-2000 (E/2000/15) |

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| **Wednesday, 26 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 13* | *Economic and environmental questions* | Letter dated 17 April from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the Secretary-General, transmitting the proposal of the President of Tajikistan to proclaim 2003 the International Year of Fresh Water (A/55/60-E/2000/17) |
| | | | Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (E/2000/45) |
| | *(a)* | *Sustainable development* | Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its second session (E/2000/33, Supplement No. 13) |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken within the United Nations system to accelerate progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/55/78-E/2000/56) |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on a draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium |
| | | | Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Cairo Declaration and the Cairo Plan of Action adopted by the Africa-European Union Summit, held at Cairo on 3 and 4 April 2000 (see item 4) (A/54/855-E/2000/44) |
| | | | Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eighth session (E/2000/29, Supplement No. 9) |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/220 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon |
| | *(h)* | *Functioning of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, including its role in coordinating science and technology for development* | Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for strengthening the coordination of mechanisms of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development |

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| | *(f)* | *Statistics* | Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-first session (E/2000/24, Supplement No. 4) |
| | *(d)* | *Cartography* | Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/2000/48) |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on the twentieth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (E/2000/49) |
| | | | Letter dated 9 February 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/747-E/2000/6) |
| 3.00 p.m. | *Item 13* (concluded) | *Economic and environmental questions* | Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (E/2000/66) |
| | *(b)* | *Public administration and finance* | |
| | *(c)* | *Water supply and sanitation* | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the 1990s (contained in E/CN.17/2000/13) (A/55/65-E/2000/19) |
| | *(e)* | *Population and development* | Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-third session (E/2000/25, Supplement No. 5) |
| | *(g)* | *International cooperation in tax matters* | Report of the Secretary-General on the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/1999/84) |
| **Thursday, 27 July** | | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | *Item 9* | *Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations* | Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/55__-E/2000/__) |
| | | | Information submitted by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system on their activities with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (E/2000/68) |

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| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/55/72) |
| | *Item 11* | *Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan* | Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1999/53 and Assembly resolution 54/230 (A/55/84-E/2000/16) |
| | *Item 12* | *Non-governmental organizations* | Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2000 session |
| | | | Letter dated 5 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2000/51) |
| 3.00 p.m. | *Item 14* | *Social and human rights questions* | |
| | *(a)* | *Advancement of women* | Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twentieth session (E/2000/58) |
| | | | Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Cairo Declaration and the Cairo Plan of Action adopted by the Africa-European Union Summit, held at Cairo on 3 and 4 April 2000 (see item 4) (A/54/855-E/2000/44) |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action |
| | | | Report of the Secretary-General on an assessment of activities undertaken by the United Nations system under the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001 |
| | | | Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-fourth session (E/2000/27, Supplement No. 7) |

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| | | Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/55/38 (Part I)) |
| | | Report of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the implementation of the revitalization measures (E/2000/59, annex) |
| | *(b) Social development* | Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-eighth session (E/2000/26, Supplement No. 6) |
| | | 2000 report on the world social situation: overview (E/2000/9) |
| | | Letter dated 2 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Beijing Declaration on the Rights of People with Disabilities in the New Century (A/54/861-E/2000/47) |
| | | Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Cairo Declaration and the Cairo Plan of Action adopted by the Africa-European Union Summit, held at Cairo on 3 and 4 April 2000 (see item 4) (A/54/855-E/2000/44) |
| | *(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice* | Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its ninth session (E/2000/30, Supplement No. 10) |
| | | Declaration of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders |
| | | Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (E/2000/3) |
| | *(d) Narcotic drugs* | Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-third session (E/2000/28, Supplement No. 8) |

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| | | Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Cairo Declaration and the Cairo Plan of Action adopted by the Africa-European Union Summit, held at Cairo on 3 and 4 April 2000 (see item 4) (A/54/855-E/2000/44) |
| | | Report of the International Narcotics Control Board |
| | *(e)* *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* | Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/2000/18) |
| | | Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Cairo Declaration and the Cairo Plan of Action adopted by the Africa-European Union Summit, held at Cairo on 3 and 4 April 2000 (see item 4) (A/54/855-E/2000/44) |
| **Friday, 28 July** | | |
| a.m. | *Item 14* (continued) *Social and human rights questions* | |
| | *(f)* *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination* | Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and preparatory process for the world conference (E/2000/75) |
| | | Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Cairo Declaration and the Cairo Plan of Action adopted by the Africa-European Union Summit, held at Cairo on 3 and 4 April 2000 (see item 4) (A/54/855-E/2000/44) |
| | *(g)* *Human rights* | Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/2000/22, Supplement No. 2) |
| | | Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/55/41) |

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| | | | **Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**<br>**Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee (E/2000/76)**<br>**Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-sixth session (E/2000/23, Supplement No. 3)**<br>**Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Cairo Declaration and the Cairo Plan of Action adopted by the Africa-European Union Summit, held at Cairo on 3 and 4 April 2000 (see item 4) (A/54/855-E/2000/44)** |
| 3.00 p.m. | *Item 14* (concluded) | *Social and human rights questions* | |
| **Monday, 31 July** | | Action on all outstanding draft proposals | |
| **Tuesday, 1 August** | | Conclusion of the work of the substantive session of 2000 | |